

UNIT V: THE CHRISTIAN VIEW OF HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS

3. SEX VS. LOVE

LOVE -- Motivational Devices and Class Ideas:

1. Use the questionnaire "Love Is..."
2. Discuss the following:
 - a. Is love a noun, a verb, or an adjective?
 - b. Are there different kinds of love?
 - c. Have you ever experienced love?
 - d. Is a 15-year-old person capable of really loving someone his or her own age?
 - e. Is it possible to fall in love at first sight?
 - f. Can you love someone without the other person loving you back?
 - g. Is jealousy a sign that you really care for someone?
 - h. Can you love and hate someone at the same time?
 - i. Can you be in love without realizing it?
 - j. Can you love two people at the same time?
 - k. What's the difference between infatuation and love?
 - l. What can prove love?
 - m. What is the difference between loving someone and being "in love" with someone?

SEX -- Motivational Devices and Class Ideas:

1. Have each student go to the board, and make sure each has a piece of chalk (even if this means that you have to pilfer all the chalk from all the other classrooms on your floor). Have them each write the word SEX in block letters before them. Using the letters S--E--X, have them word associate their feelings about that word. Example: S = sensuous, E = entertaining, X = exciting. (You can cheat on the letter X since there are few appropriate words beginning with X, X-rated?) Have the students discuss why they chose those words.
2. When the discussion is finished, distribute current copies of magazines (make sure each study has a copy). Ask them to go through and pick out ads that are examples of how sex is used to promote a product. (i.e., The Sex Appeal Toothpaste!!!! How's your love life?) Discuss how use of sex in advertising effected their answers in the original word association. How does it affect women's self-image, how does it effect man's self-image?

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3. Now that there is some basis for definition of LOVE VS. SEX, discuss the following:
 - a. Can love be expressed through sex?
 - b. Is it necessary to love someone to have sexual relations with them?
 - c. If there is no chance of pregnancy or venereal disease, is there anything wrong with having sex for fun?
 - d. How do you feel about marrying someone who has lived with other persons? Two others? Five others?
 - e. How do you feel about being a virgin when you get married?
 - f. How do you feel about marrying a person who is a virgin?
 - g. How do you feel about marrying a person who is NOT a virgin?
 - h. How do you feel about the boy and girl who have a sexual relationship with each other while engaged?
 - i. Do your feelings change when you learn that the marriage never took place?